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Woman Pleads Guilty in Fraudulent Residency Document Scheme

ALBUQUERQUE – A 47-year-old Albuquerque woman pleaded guilty to several felony charges in connection with providing false residency documents to foreign nationals applying for New Mexico drivers' licenses.

Rosa Pardo-Marrufo pleaded guilty last Thursday to four counts of conspiracy to commit forgery; two counts of altering, forging or making a fictitious license; two counts of perjury; and three counts of forgery before Second Judicial District Court Judge Denise Barela Shepherd.

"Creating fraudulent documents and forging licenses and identification cards is a serious crime and, as in this case, can result in many years behind bars," said Rick Homans, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department.

Pardo-Marrufo was arrested last April and indicted on over 100 counts similar to those that she pleaded guilty to. Under a plea deal, she will face a maximum of 10 years in prison when she's scheduled for sentencing on July 15 by Judge Barela Shepherd.

Pardo-Marrufo's scheme involved providing false residency documents to foreign nationals applying for New Mexico driver's licenses. Many of the applicants were from Georgia, South Carolina and Florida and paid Pardo-Marrufo from \$700 to \$900 for the false residency documents in order to obtain New Mexico Drivers Licenses.

The case was prosecuted by Second Judicial District Attorney Kari Brandenburg's office, and was jointly investigated by the State Police and the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division